

Constitution for the Tufts LECTURE SERIES

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Article I: Title

Section I: The name of the organization shall be the Tufts University Lecture Series.

Article II: Purpose

Section I: The purpose of the Tufts Lecture Series is to bring a variety of lecturers to the Tufts Community.

Article III: Membership

Section I: Membership shall be open to any undergraduate member of the Tufts Community who has paid the Student Activities Fee and desires to get involved in programming.

Section II: Members will be bound by an agreement to keep all happenings in meetings, specifically information on potential lecturers or contracts strictly confidential.

Article IV: Meetings

Section I: Meetings shall be held weekly throughout the academic year

Article V: Voting

Section I: A voting member is defined as an individual who has attended at least three meetings of Lecture Series each semester.

Section II: For all voting except when otherwise stated, a majority will rule.

Sections III: In the event of a tie, the Co-chairs will decide the outcome.

Article VI: Amendments

Section I: Amendments may be proposed by any voting member of Lecture Series.

Section II: At least two thirds of Lecture Series must be present to consider an amendment. If the two-thirds are there, voting may occur. For an amendment to pass, two-thirds of the entire Lecture Series must vote for it. The TCU Judiciary must approve all amendments.

Article VII: Selection of Officers

Section I: There shall be two Co-Chairs of Lecture Series

Section II: A vote will be held before spring semester ends for the open positions of the Co-Chairs unless a Co-Chair is traveling abroad, for which the vote must be held as specified in Article VIII, Section VI.

Section III: The new Co-Chair(s) must be voting members of the Lecture Series at the time of the vote and have participated actively in the planning and programming of at least one Lecture Series Event.. If no voting members apply the position will be opened to members of the Tufts Community.

Section IV: Co-Chairs may retain their positions from semester to semester and year to year.

Article VIII: Duties of the Co-Chairs

Section I: The Co-Chairs are responsible for running weekly meetings, overseeing general activities, managing the budget and creating a new budget for the next year, and maintaining contact with any agents the group works through and with the Student Activities Office Director of Programming, who serves as advisor to this organization.

Section II: The Co-Chairs are also responsible for attending weekly Programming Board meetings.

Section III: The Co-Chairs have the authority to act on behalf of the Lecture Series when matters require immediate action.

Section IV: Co-Chairs must maintain regular office hours in the Programming Board office as determined within the Programming Board.

Section V: Co-Chairs must also attend all retreats deemed mandatory by the Programming Board and are bound by its constitution as well.

Section VI: Co-Chairs planning to study abroad for the year or semester must ensure election of a voting member of Lecture Series with the qualifications specified in Article VII, Section III as an interim co-chair one academic month before departure whose term may not exceed the length of time studied abroad. Upon return, the co-chair may resume his/her position.

Article IX: Impeachment of Officers

Section I: A Co-Chair may be impeached when

- a) He or she misses three meetings within a semester
- b) He or she fails in fulfilling any duties listed in article VIII.
- c) He or she fails to fulfill duties associated with the Programming Board
- d) He or she acts in a manner detrimental to the interests of Lecture Series

Section II: Any voting member of the Lecture Series may bring Charges for impeachment.

Section III: A proposal to impeach must be accompanied by a written explanation. The accused is then given a week to prepare a defense and the next meeting both sides are given ample time to present their case. A vote will then occur in which two-thirds of all voting members are required for impeachment. This process must comply with all Tufts Community Union Judiciary rules and regulations.

Section IV: If a Co-Chair is impeached from the Programming Board, the Lecture Series must have a hearing for the Co-Chair and consider impeachment from the Lecture Series. A vote must then take place in which the two-thirds majority is still required.